

CLARENDON MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA
MONROE COUNTY

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number CL-32

Owner Mrs. W. W. Everett

✓ Property Name Bank of Clarendon

Address 608 Walker

✓ Address 125 Court St

Clarendon, AR 72029

City Clarendon, AR

Significant Date/s 1924

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The 1924 Bank of Clarendon is a one-story buff brick building with a brown brick facade. The Classical Revival-influenced building stands on the site of the original Bank of Clarendon building established in 1900. It is located on Court Street across from the Courthouse. The brown brick facade faces north and contains four brick pilasters with cast-stone architrave. Above the architrave is a slightly raised copper cornice. The words: "BANK OF CLARENDON" are incised in the cast-stone architrave. There is a central wooden double-door entrance with a cast-stone surround containing the dates "1900 1924" incised between the entrance and the transom. The entrance is flanked by identical sets of wooden framed windows. On the east side of the building are a row of brown brick quoins running up the side. There are also two windows similar to the windows in the front facade. A small interior brick chimney is located on the east side, as is a one door entrance on the far left corner.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 1924 Bank of Clarendon building is significant as a reminder of the banks organized in the early 1900's in Clarendon by many of the prominent citizens of the town. The Bank of Clarendon was organized originally in 1900 on this same site as part of the ground floor of the Mabelle Theater. The theater burned in the early 1900's, and the bank shut down. The bank was reopened in 1924 in the newly constructed building on the old site of the first bank at Court and Second Streets. The bank then lasted until the mid-1930's when it was absorbed by another local bank. After the bank folded, the building was used as various shops and stores. It is now vacant. James. S. Thomas was the founder and President of the Bank of Clarendon. Thomas was also President of both the Clarendon Telephone Company and the Clarendon Electric Light and Ice Company. He was also associated with the Manning, Lee and Moore Law Office (CL-27), also on Court Street. Other influential men who served as directors were Parker C. Ewan, William Jefferies (of the Jefferies Lumber Company), John P. Lee (a prominent lawyer and later Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas), and Orth C. Galloway of the Galloway Lumber Company).

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Property Name Bank_of_Clarendon

Verbal Boundary Description: Original_Town_of_Clarendon
East_30_Lot_6_Block_11----

Acreage: less_than_one

Quadrangle Name: Clarendon, Ark.

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:

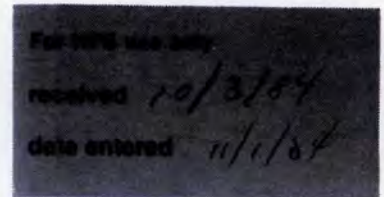
Zone: 15

Easting: 654010

Northing: 3840460

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Clarendon Multiple Resource Area

State Monroe County, ARKANSAS

Con 11/1/84

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Anderson Boarding House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

Attest

2. Bank of Clarendon

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3. Bateman-Griffith House

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National Register

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4. Bondi Brothers Store

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Attest

5. Bounds Building

Entered in the
National Register

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6. Clarendon Methodist-
Episcopal Church South

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7. Ewan Building

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8. Goldman and Son Store

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9. Highway 79 Bridge

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National Register

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10. Jefferies Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 11/1/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Bank of Clarendon (Clarendon MRA)
Monroe County
ARKANSAS

Working No. OCT 3 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 11/1/84 - 11/17/84
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11-1-84
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



CL-32 Bank of Clarendon 125 Court
HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CLARENDON
Jeff Lewellen, photographer
Negatives at AHPP
Viewed from the Northwest